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INTERFACE BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL SPECIFICATION LANGUAGES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, line 2, please delete in its entirety and substitute:

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-- Fig. 6 shows how Figures 6A and 6B fit together. In the
rest of the specification, any reference to the contents of Fig. 6 will
actually be referring to the contents of Figures 6A and 6B.

Figs. 6A and 6B show the annotated EDI template for PO
after the first preparation stage. --

line 7, please delete in its entirety and substitute:

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-- Fig. 8C shows output XML in XEDI format relating to PO.